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A Sad Farce

THE bitter disappointment which the shameful proceedings at the Security Council on Tuesday provoked in many parts of the world has hardly been nullified by Soviet Russia's surprising somersault fully reported under today's banner headlines. Expediency, of course, dictates this new course of action which is designed to recover "face" lost by reckless application of the veto. And doubtless Russia's action will be hailed by some impressionable Asians as a magnanimous gesture to end the deadlock on new membership which has persisted for about eight years. Many will wonder why the initiative was not taken by Britain, or the United States which has apparently suffered the greatest loss of prestige through its failure to dissuade the Nationalists from using the veto.

The fact is that only a Communist—or a Fascist—state with central direction of all subordinate nations vested in the one capital could move so swiftly. The speed with which Russia has acted in this instance suggests that Outer Mongolia was not "consulted"; but, of course, it may have been "told" that its application for membership would have to be postponed.

THE Western world—which is essentially a loose alliance of democracies—has no power, or indeed, desire to force any other state to toe its line. And in the Western view, none of its 18 candidates is any less ineligible than another. Japan, however, has sacrificed temporarily, it is hoped—it's membership for the admission of the other 12. It is regrettable that this is necessary if for no other reason than that it has given the United Nations the atmosphere of a cheap bargain market.

Who or what is to blame? Partly UNO itself—but then if one is to blame UNO, it would be unfair unless its architects shared part of the blame for their lack of prescience in prescribing its original framework. Partly, also, the veto—made obnoxious by frequent misuse. And therefore partly by those original founder members who have been guilty of irresponsible application of the veto.

BUT it is puerile nonsense for Taipei to describe the package membership deal as "contrary to the provisions of the (UN) Charter." The package proposal was purely a procedural arrangement which the overwhelming majority of the present members supported to overcome a long-standing deadlock. Let Taipei be honest enough to admit that its veto decision was dictated by self-interest, by an unwillingness to allow an increase in the anti-Nationalist voting power in the Assembly. Today, more than ever it is a shrill voice in the whirr of the United Nations.

Russia's action, of course, was no less objectionable. It used the veto on Tuesday because it could not get its own way. Its refusal to admit Japan—ostensibly to counterbalance the loss of Outer Mongolia—can possibly be regarded as an expression of dissatisfaction over the trend of the deadlocked Soviet-Japanese negotiations in London.

This lamentable exhibition of intolerance must, if nothing else, give new emphasis to the need for a revision of the Charter. The United Nations cannot continue much longer on its present basis without becoming the target of universal ridicule and contempt.

Old memories of the League of Nations—that sterile assembly of frustrated hope and high but abortive ideals—should impress on the world's rulers today that the UN must be something different—and infinitely better if possibly it is to succeed.

A Day Of Dramatic Surprises And Decisions UN ADMITS 16 NEW MEMBERS

Russian Package Deal Approved

New York, Dec. 14.

The General Assembly tonight ratified the recommendation of the Security Council for the admission of 16 nations to membership of the United Nations Organisation. The 16 nations were elected individually by large majorities.

In a dramatic move earlier today the Soviet Union reconvened the Security Council and proposed a mass election which excluded Outer Mongolia and Japan from the original 18-nation "package deal"—the deal torpedoed by Nationalist China and Russia applying the veto.

France-Press reports that Mr Arkady Sobolev, the Soviet representative, not only excluded Japan from the original list, but later vetoed the Japanese candidacy when it was put forward by the American delegate, Mr Henry Cabot Lodge.

The Council approved the Soviet resolution by eight affirmative votes and three abstentions—the United States, Nationalist China and Belgium.

The Soviet delegate said he would have been prepared to support Japan's candidacy if the Council had supported the membership bid of Outer Mongolia. As soon as the Soviet proposal was approved, the United States submitted a resolution, asking the General Assembly to recommend favourable Security Council action on Japan at the Assembly, 1956 session.

The vote on Japan was 10 to 1. The sole opposition came from the Soviet Union which, as one of the five permanent Council members, has the veto right.

Before the final vote on the overall 18 nation package deal, the Council took separate votes on each of the candidates proposed by the Soviet Union.

The votes were: Albania—elected by eight affirmative votes and three abstentions—

"MEMORABLE DAY"

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain told the Security Council that Britain was naturally very distressed that it has not proved possible for Japan to be admitted at this time.

"It has for long been our wish and our policy to secure her admission," he said. Britain would support the United States resolution to admit Japan at the next session and earnestly hoped that Japan would "join us at the next session."

On the other hand nobody could be better pleased than the delegation of the United Kingdom that at long last so many countries we have so long missed have been recommended for admission. This is in itself an achievement and I think we may say it has been a memorable day," he said.

Mr Sobolev said the fact that 10 countries had been recommended for admission argued that a great step forward had been made towards a full solution of the problem and the foundations on which international co-operation rested in the United Nations would be widened.

It was a "historic" measure broadening the scope of the United Nations to universality. "The decision of the Security Council will not only improve the climate in the United Nations but will help us to solve many important problems whose solution is ripe and on which decisions are near," the Soviet delegate said.

CEYLON WELCOMED

Sir Leslie Munro, the Security Council President, speaking at the New Zealand delegate, welcomed the admission of 16 countries, particularly Ceylon which is a member of the British Commonwealth and which is tied so closely to New Zealand.

He regretted the omission of New Zealand's Pacific neighbour, Japan, which he said was "a success."

Peace Prospects

Outlook

Gloom & Some Wary Optimism

Washington, Dec. 14. Congressional leaders who attended a White House briefing on foreign problems viewed the chances of peace today with outlooks ranging from gloom to wary optimism.

The leaders were filled in on the international situation yesterday by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Some told newsmen later they thought the threat of war had diminished. Others saw little change in the last few months, and at least one said, "We are at our greatest danger in history."

DISAPPOINTED

Some conferees, declining to be quoted, said they received no indication at the briefing of an immediate threat of war. But they said Mr Eisenhower expressed disappointment over the failure of the recent Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference at Geneva.

House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., said, "Based on the reports from Mr Dulles, I believe we are further away from war today than we were a year ago.... But we must keep our armaments up. There is nothing in the situation to warrant a cut in our defenses."

But chairman Clarence Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee declared, among other things, that "We are at our greatest dangers in history."

He said, "We must not relax in our buildup of strength, particularly in the Air branch."

"MIGHTY BAD"

Speaker Sam Rayburn said world conditions are "mighty bad" and Russia is "making greater efforts than ever before to spread their gospel around the world."

Chairman James P. Richards of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said, "We are going to have a lot of little wars around us for a long time to come."

Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said, "The international picture is not bright—but neither is it hopeless."—United Press.

Stevenson's Decision

Chicago, Dec. 14. Mr Adlai Stevenson, avowed candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, announced today that he would enter the California, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois primaries in addition to the Minnesota primary. —United Press.

Dr Wohlgemuth Missing

Berlin, Dec. 14. Dr Wolfgang Wohlgemuth, a gynaecologist, who went over to East Berlin with Dr Otto John in July, 1954, has been missing from his East Berlin residence for two days, it was learned tonight. Dr John, former West German security chief, fled back to West Germany on Monday.

Dr Wohlgemuth, whose apartment in East Berlin's famous Stalin-Allee, has been under police surveillance, was no longer answering telephone calls.

He has indicated several times that he desired to return to

IZVESTIA TAKES MACMILLAN TO TASK

Moscow, Dec. 14. The Soviet Government newspaper *Izvestia* today accused Mr Harold Macmillan, British Foreign Secretary, of making threats and distortions.

The newspaper said his language during Monday's debate on the Middle East in the House of Commons was "impermeable." It alleged that the statements of the Foreign Minister, in particular his speech on the Middle East, were "distortion and lies."

"*Izvestia* said, "The statement of the British Foreign Minister is a mixture of words against the position of

GAITSKELL WINS IN A CANTER

Morrison, Placed Third Resigns His Position

London, Dec. 14.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, 49, right-wing Socialist, was tonight elected the new leader of the British Labour Party—marked as Prime Minister if Labour returns to power.

The victory crowning a meteoric rise wrote an unhappy end to the long career of one of Labour's greatest figures—Mr Herbert Morrison, 67, the Party's deputy leader for the past 10 years and a former Foreign Secretary.

Mr Gaitskell, with 157 votes, emerged at the top of the secret poll of the Party's 275 members to find a successor to Mr Clement Attlee.

The veteran Morrison was almost eclipsed with only 40 votes. Mr Aneurin Bevan, leader of the left-wing section of the Party was placed second with 70 votes.

Staggered By The Result

Mr Gaitskell's success had been confidently predicted, but politicians had expected Mr Morrison to be his closest rival. Mr Bevan, left-wing rebel blamed by many for the Party's successive general election defeats at the hands of the Conservatives, had not been considered a chance.

He handed over the chair to Mr Gaitskell, then left the meeting brokenly with a friend on either side.

Later Mr Morrison announced his resignation as deputy leader of the Party.

£2,000 SALARY

Mr Gaitskell, economist and intellectual Socialist with an upper middle class family background, now automatically becomes leader of the opposition in the House of Commons. This carries with a salary of £2,000 a year.

He has been in parliament for only 10 years. His rapid leap to the top is due to two factors—his brilliant talents as a politician and economist, and the fear of the Party moderates that rebel left-winger Aneurin Bevan would seize power. The party wanted as its leader a younger man able to stand up to the Welsh firebrand.

Mr Morrison's tragedy is that the chance of realising his supreme ambition came too late in life when his colleagues considered him too old to match Bevan.

NEW YEAR VOTE

The election of Mr Morrison's successor as deputy leader will not be held till after parliament's Christmas vacation.

Mr Gaitskell at a news conference tonight paid tribute to his defeated rival.

"Mr Morrison," he said, "is a man who has served the Labour Party and his country in the most devoted manner for well over 30 years. He has been in many ways the main architect of the Party's policy in home affairs. There is no use denying we shall miss his wise counsel and great experience."

The new leader of the six million strong Labour movement added:

"One cannot find oneself in a position such as mine without feeling humility both because of the immensity of the job and also because of the people who have held this office, in particular Mr Attlee."

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UNION BACKING

Mr Gaitskell is an ultra-right-winger. He would not otherwise have won the backing outside parliament of the five million trade unionists who represent over 90% of the Party's national strength.

The followers of Mr Attlee, one of the two leaders to the left-wing section, remain to be won over.

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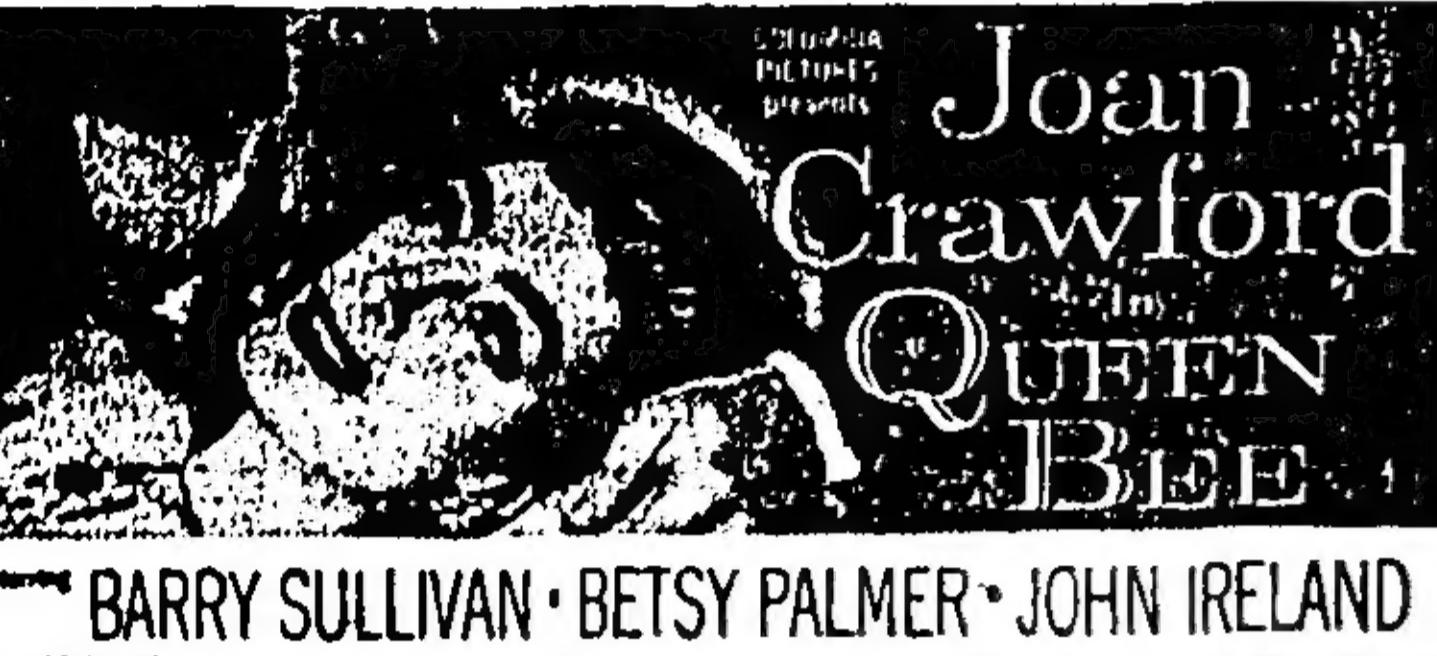


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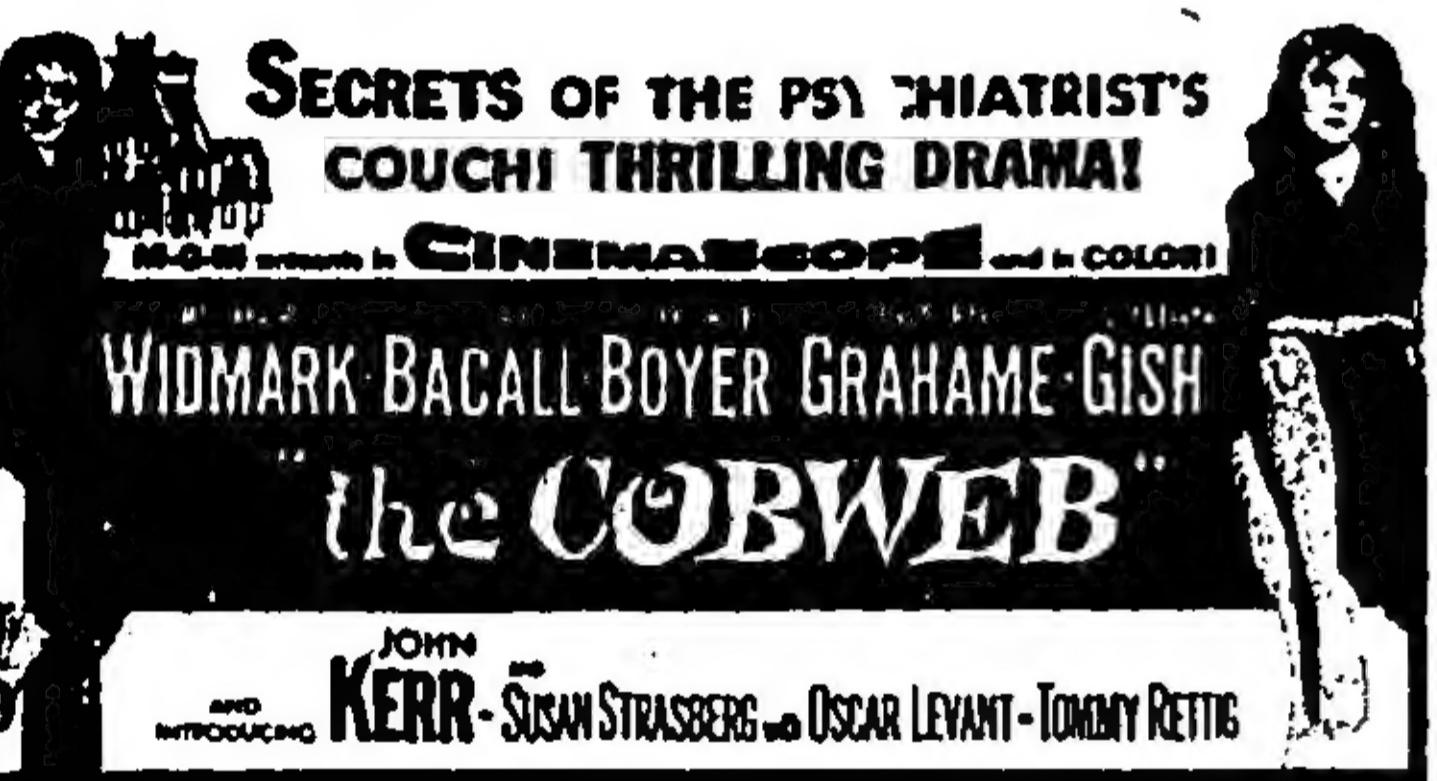
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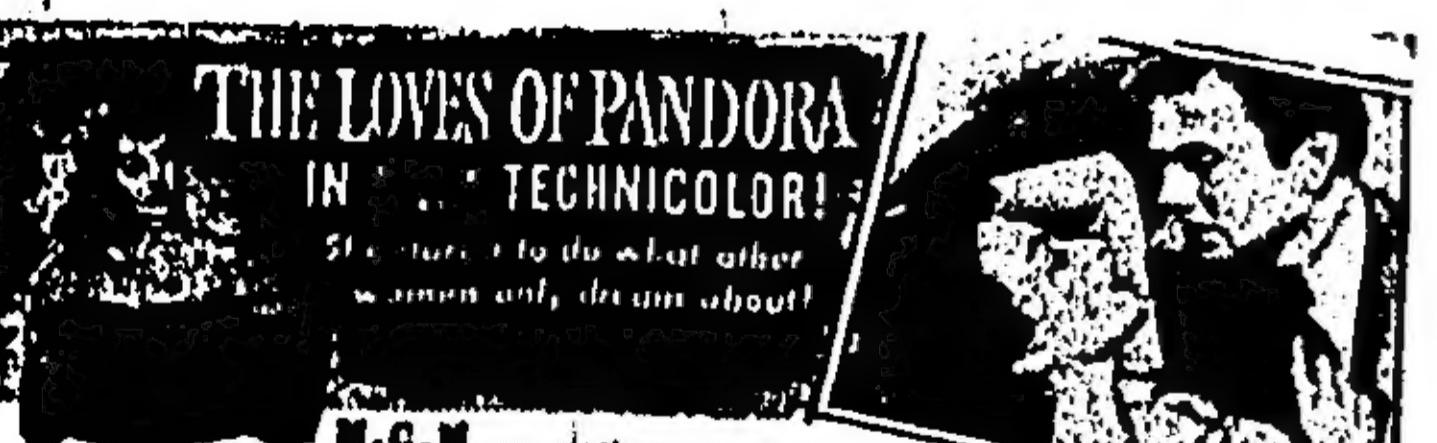


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Greek Appeal To UN On Situation In Cyprus

A KING AND HIS FATHER



King Baudouin of Belgium (left) and his father, ex-King Leopold, pictured at the Villa near Grasse on the Côte d'Azur, in the South of France, where they were spending a holiday. — Central Press Photo.

United Nations, Dec. 14. Greece appealed today to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, to "mobilise" the political and moral force of the world organisation to avert the "worst consequences" of the situation in Cyprus.

The Greek Ambassador, Mr. Christian Palamas, in a formal letter to Mr. Hammarskjold, declared that the Cyprus situation is "constantly deteriorating" under a British "policy of repression and increasing violence."

"It is the British authorities who are waging war against the Cypriot people," said Mr. Palamas. "The situation in Cyprus has assumed the aspect of an acute crisis, heavy with forebodings because of its possible repercussions in both the national and international fields. The worst consequences are to be feared."

Mr. Palamas said Greece continued to seek to avert the danger and bring about an agreement of moderation and understanding, but that these efforts would be doubtful without the assurance of UN intervention.

One Way Out

"In the face of a constantly deteriorating situation," he told Mr. Hammarskjold, "all the political and moral forces embodied in this organisation should be mobilised and placed at the disposal of the efforts to secure justice and peace."

Mr. Palamas said he had no doubt Mr. Hammarskjold would "not fail to contribute, within the limits of possibility, to this constructive effort."

The Greek Ambassador submitted with his letter a detailed memorandum on the Cyprus situation.

The report charged Britain with primary responsibility for events on the Mediterranean island and said: "There is but one way out of this vicious circle of violence ... this way is the restoration of freedom and law based upon the respect of political, civic and human rights."

Exasperated People

Mr. Palamas said the decision of the Assembly this year not to put the Cyprus case on its agenda had "disastrous effects on the evolution of the situation."

It is an illusion to believe that by not including a question in the agenda of the Assembly, this question is no longer a problem for the United Nations."

He said the refusal of the UN to take a positive stand has exasperated the people of Cyprus and seems to justify those invoking action as the only way of resistance and liberation left to them."

The detailed report attached to the letter accused the British of "colonial totalitarianism" on Cyprus.

It reviewed a number of recent incidents on Cyprus. It charged the British with using the schools to turn "education into a method of altering the national feelings of the people of Cyprus and reducing it into a tool for the preservation of the colonial regime."

Concentration Camp

The report said the emergency powers order imposed "degrading" penalties on Cypriots and thus, "in the second half of the 20th Century, the practice of whipping is brought back from the Middle Ages."

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London, Dec. 14. Libyan Prime Minister Mustafa bin Halim arrived here today for a three-day private visit.

A Libyan Legation spokesman said Halim, who flew here from Tripoli, has scheduled no official talks during his stay. — United Press.

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In Seoul, a South Korean spokesman told United Press the Nationalist decision was "very good" because the package membership plan represented "appeasement to communism."

The Seoul government, strongly anti-Communist, said in an official statement that "any package deal involving the membership of Outer Mongolia is immoral and contrary to the high purposes and spirit of the United Nations." — United Press.

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London, Dec. 14. The second Soviet ship to leave for the Antarctic, the Lada, left Kaliningrad today. The news agency announced today.

The Lada is to take part in the scientific work, among others, the hydrographical survey of the Southern Ocean.

The Lada is to be followed by the

USSR icebreaker, the

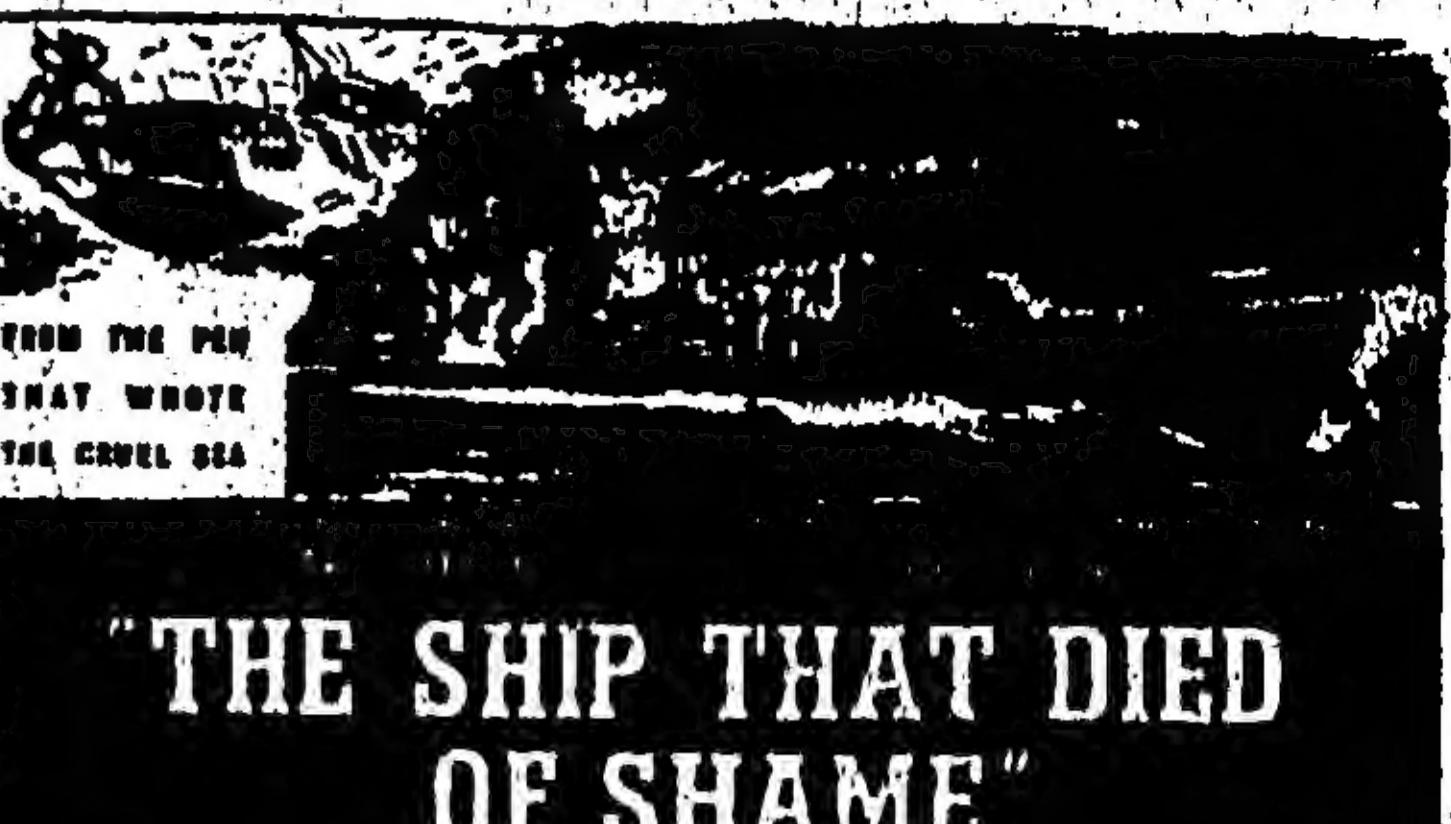
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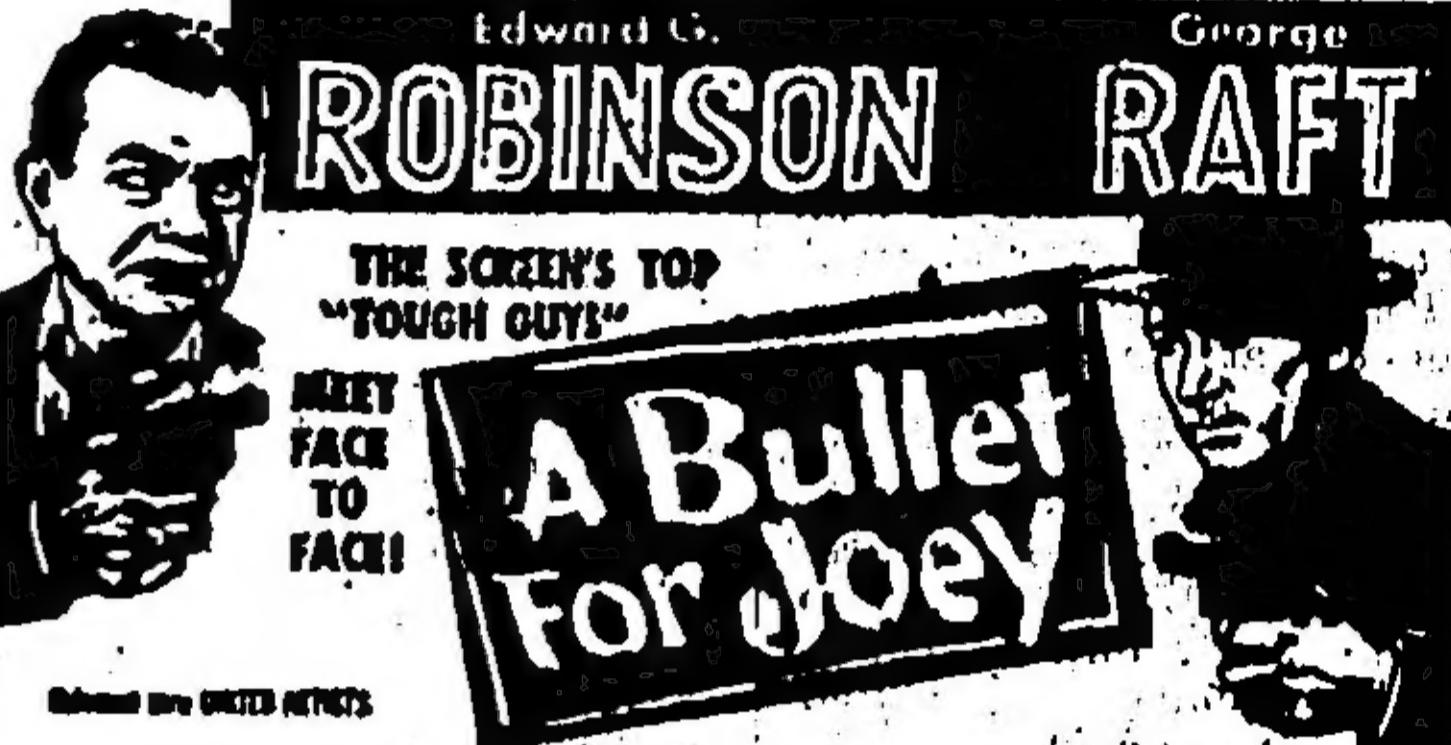


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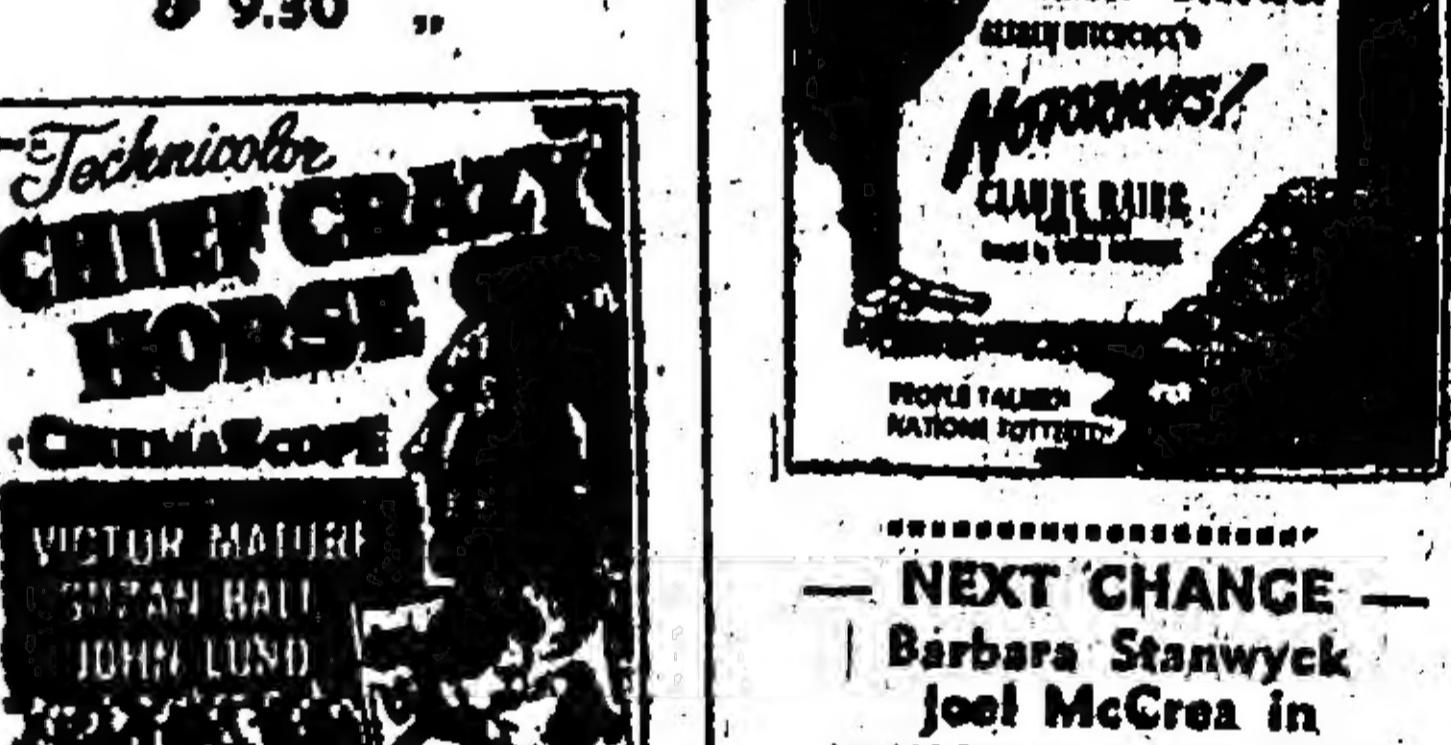
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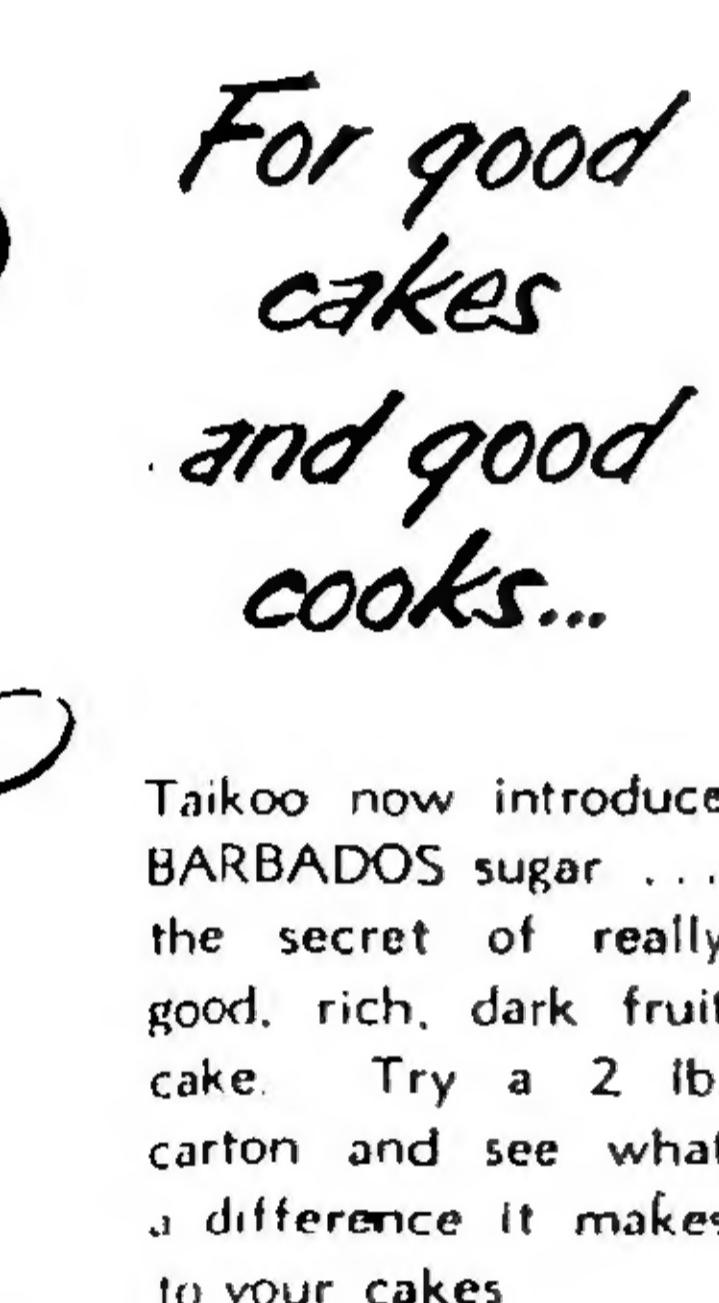
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I have been talking to the men who have penetrated the lonely upper sky and have been inspecting their strange dart-nosed needle-shaped machines. No other British correspondent has visited this unique test base known to airmen as Muroc, after the desert dry lake, which is its heart. In the words of the commanding general, J. S. Holtoner, the lake is: "Sixty-five miles of dead-level rockhard landing space."

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This is the base from which men "punch holes in the sky," and it has a special appeal to the British because chief of the flight test operations division, the No. 1 test pilot, is Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Everest, a direct descendant of Sir George Everest, after whom

the great mountain was named.

Sir George climbed high, but this young American, 36 years old, 5ft. 7in. tall, has soared three times as high as Everest's 29,141ft.

I came here specifically to see Colonel Everest, flying from New York and driving 100 miles through the desert from Beverly Hills.

Despite clearance from the Pentagon and backing from the British Embassy, I was questioned by Air police at the main gate and directed to the credential hut.

More relaxed

HERE was none of this at S.A.C. In the hut I saw a sign: "For fraud or false statements, \$10,000 fine or five years in jail." I made no false statements and was told I would be escorted by Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd Garland.

Garland appeared after about ten minutes. He is a tall, soft-spoken Southerner, an engineer and booster for Muroc.

He asked what I wanted to do first, and I said: "See Colonel Everest." Garland said: "The Colonel's getting internationally famous. I'm not so sure he likes it." We drove over the rough roads to Everest's office—a thin line of shacks.

Garland said: "We are moving out of these huts into real quarters soon."

Over the entrance were the words: "Through these portals pass the oldest and boldest pilots in the world."

The place was cluttered with desks, and "Pete" Everest, pointer in hand before a chart, was demonstrating something to a group of technicians and pilots.

He looked very young, more like a pupil than a teacher, lit a good-looking, very bronzed, strong-chinned, and has the eyes of one airmen.

He came out and said: "I'm tired up—can you come back later?"

Colonel Garland said: "He has a lot on his mind."

I went back later after touring the base and found Everest more relaxed. He sat at his desk in his "private office"—another officer and a secretary share the room, which is like an undergraduate's, with cartoons, calendars, notices, and photographs of aeroplanes.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

**Stubborn Bids Can
Be Costly**

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN an opponent is determined to make a sacrifice bid against you, it doesn't always pay to be stubborn about going on with your own bidding. In today's hand, for example, West could have been better off five diamonds and set three tricks less than the honours. This would have given South a sure little bit of five spades but his actual bid of five spades put him in a very shaky contract.

When the hand was actually played, however, South was not the cautious type. He wasn't satisfied to collect a small but sure penalty from West, and perhaps the results justified his obstinacy.

West opened the king of diamonds, and South won with the ace. South drew four rounds of trumps, discarding a club and two hearts from the dummy, and then led the king of clubs.

West took the ace of clubs, cashed the queen of diamonds, and then led the jack of diamonds. This was a poor

NORTH	12		
♦ 2			
♥ A753			
♦ K92			
♦ Q9732			
WEST	EAST		
♦ 6	♦ 10754		
♥ 1064	♦ KJ82		
♦ KQJ10543	♦ 6		
♦ A5	♦ J864		
SOUTH (D)			
♦ AKQJ983			
♦ Q9			
♦ A7			
♦ K10			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	5 ♦	Pass	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ K			

manoeuvre, for a shift to hearts would have given South quite a good deal to think about.

As it was, South ruffed the third round of diamonds, and led another trump, ruffling dummy's last low heart. South expected to lead his club to dummy's queen and ruff a club in the hope of dropping the jack, but he saw no harm in applying pressure with his next-to-last trump.

Poor East felt the pressure and made it obvious that he felt it. He couldn't afford to discard a club, and he reluctantly discarded the jack of hearts, coming down to the lone king of hearts.

This discard made the situation clear to South, so he led the low heart to dummy's ace, dropping East's king. Now the queen of hearts was set up for South's vital eleventh trick.

CARD Send

Q-The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
1 N.T. Pass ?
You, South, hold:

♦AQ985 ♦A763 ♦J103 ♦2

What do you do?

A-Bid two hearts. You make this bid to improve the contract. You do not expect to make a game in view of your partner's minimum rebid.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♦AJ10832 ♦62 ♦J103 ♦52

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

BORN today, you have one of those exceptional moments that can be worth a great deal to you in following your career. You read something once—and it's yours for life. You are, it almost goes without saying, an exceptionally keen and devotee of the printed word page after page.

You have a keenly analytical mind and seem to know almost instinctively how to get at the heart of a problem without getting too much involved in unnecessary traps. This can go to make you an efficient executive personnel manager in any gigantic enterprise. For, even as you can "think big," you can also handle the most detailed details with expertise.

It is likely that your particular talents which, if developed, will catapult you into the company of the great. Yet, you may have so little of the drive that makes for the acquisition of fame that the world may not notice you.

At present, you are not outwardly an exceptional person, and often appear stand-offish, even aloof, and cool; you will find joy in just the right kind of marriage. Your home and family are very apt to be the centre of your happiest social life.

Among those born on this date are: George Romney, painter; Maxwell Anderson, dramatist; Cecil Beaton, costume designer; Charles Young, astronomer; David Grier, comedian; Louis Lombard, composer-author; Margaret Bennermann, actress; Alexander Lambert, noted physician; Elizabeth Caldwell and Hans Carell, authors.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

BAGGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Forget the week-day world for today, and join in a day of pleasant merrymaking. Have a lot of fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Material rewards in the form of a promotion may come about from a meeting with an important person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 10)—Don't be too bitterly disappointed if your hopes and dreams are not materialized instantly. Be optimistic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 19)—You may discover that in talking over your problems with another, a solution is much more easily reached.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Patient when it comes to making a business change, you may need a considerable amount of time to do it.

TAUPIUS (Apr. 20-May 18)—Not every invitation is one that you want to accept. Such a one might turn up today, so consider all the implications.

GEMINI (May 19-June 21)—Morning hours may find you in a poor mood, but as the day grows older, your temperament improves.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—A new and exciting romance may come into your life when you least expect it—and today might be the day.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Better not to go visiting this afternoon, as you may have more important work that needs to be finished before the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Be polite even if you find that too many people are in the visiting room, and drop in at your house.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—You may need to slack off a little today. Don't work too hard. Start the week-end a little early if you can.

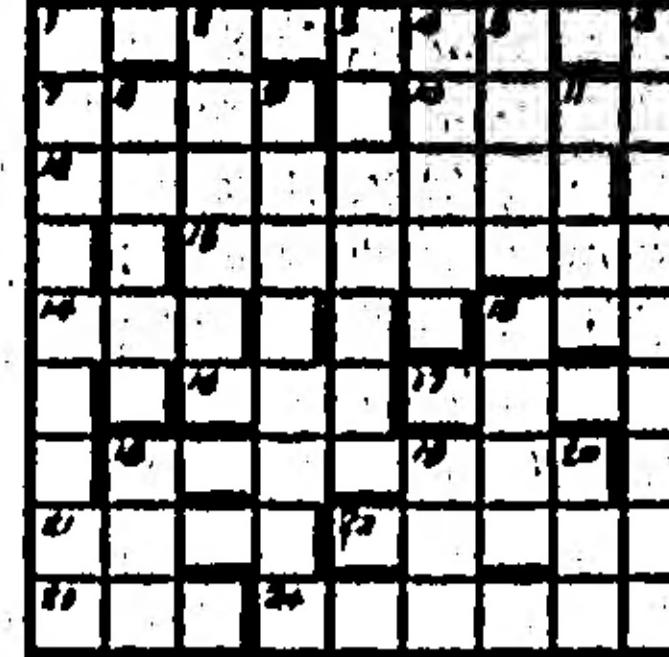
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Your friends can be very helpful to your aims and ambitions if you will only let them! Don't be too proud to ask.

The tell-tale soup-spoon—"The manipulation of the spoon-moon," says an etiquette master—never truly a man who likes the hand of a woman who wears it on her coat when he has finished his soup. Mothers with marriageable daughters always watch for the spoon-moon, and if they see it instead of blowing on it, and then with the little finger kinked, gently lowers it into the soup in the liquid with complete absence of basic or glutinous noise.

Breeze at Dawn
IN the present state of art every picture should have an alternative title, in order to give fuller play to their imagination. Thus—

White, 8 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Put down. (4)
- Hot on a circus pedestal. (4)
- Polk man's title. (4)
- burr may do this. (7)
- Press without afterthought. (3)
- River. (3) 10. Mrs. Rabbit. (3)
- Wife of a grocer. (4)
- Unto tan in a town. (7)
- Strawberry this for a cow. (4)
- It fits for a game. (6)
- Watery! (3) 26. Cardiac. (6)

Down

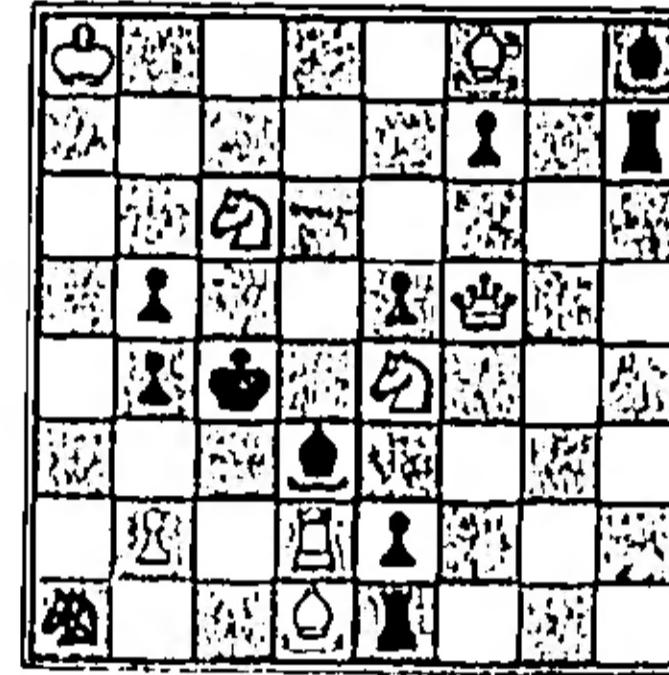
- Men on the spot. (9)
- Proposed! (6)
- Pop-up. (7)
- Loose fuel. (6)
- Size of Biblical reward. (9)
- His movements are automatic. (6)
- Under the yro and true. (6)
- Simpleton in pants. (6)
- Title of the morning in an old time grammar. (12)
- Best a schoolboy to the colour of his hair. (12)
- It indicates a malady. (11)
- Yesterdays' solution. (11)

Yesterdays' solution.

CHESS PROBLEM

By D. H. RIZZETTI

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B—Q4, threat 2. Q—Q7 (ch)
K—K5; 2. RxKt (ch); 1...
BxR; 2. Q—B2 (ch); 1...
K—B3; 2. BxKt (ch); 1...
Kt—R5; 2. BxKt.

White to play: mate in two.

WOMANSENSE

HOW TO STUFF HALF A TURKEY

By ALICE DENHOFF

TIME to talk about turkey—not everyday turkey, good as it is, that has become year-round eating—but the gobbler transformed at this time of year into a noble bird, surrounded by aromatic goodness and goodies.

Whether your turkey is a huge "bronze" bird, a small one or just the favourite 10-to-12-pounder remember your seasonings at cooking time.

Proper Seasoning

A good tip is to mix the sage and other herbs (usually marjoram, savoury, thyme and perhaps rosemary) into melted butter and water, and then pour the mixture gradually over the bread-crumbs, thus assuring proper distribution of the seasonings.

And, beginner cooks handling a turkey for the first time, please do remember that a lightly stuffed turkey will burst open in the oven, since the stuffing absorbs the moisture from the steam while cooking, and expands accordingly.

A bran-apple stuffing is delicious, especially for those who want something different, but not too far-fetched.

For a small job, combine 4 c. soft bread crumbs and 1 c. bran with ½ c. melted fat, 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. pepper, ¼ tsp. poultry seasoning, 2 tsp. powdered sage. Add 1 c. chopped scur apples and 1 tbsp. minced onion.

Household Hints

Rice won't stick to the pan, if a small amount of lard or other fat has been added to the cooking water.

Rolling small articles such as doilies, dresser scarves and table mats on cardboard tubes prevents creases and saves storage space.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

In The Big White House

—Only Merlin Could Make The Visit Possible —

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Handl, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were staring at the new picture which had just been framed and hung on the wall.

"We've been looking at this beautiful old White House. It is old, isn't it?" Mr Merlin asked the lady.

Handl nodded. "Just look at those big trees in front of it and on the sides. And look at the lawn. I think it's in a park."

"I wonder who lives in that house," Knarf said to Handl.

Mr Merlin looked surprised. "Children?" said Handl.

The old lady smiled again. "Oh yes, my dear. Would you like to know who they were?"

Knarf and Handl said they would very much like to know what children had lived in the White House.

"Well," said the old lady, "there were the grandchildren of John Adams, who was the president after George Washington."

"George Washington was the first president of the United States," said Knarf.

"Yes," the old lady went on; "and there was President Monroe's girl Maria, and Abe Lincoln's boys, Tad and Willy, and President Garfield's children, and there were Neille Arthur and the Cleveland girls....and a great many more."

Knarf and Handl and Mr Merlin walked slowly across



Mr. Merlin carried a long thin wooden ladder.

the lawn. The old lady continued: "All those children played right here—right where you're standing. They played tag and hide-and-seek. They rolled their marbles and walked with their dolls. They played with their puppies and their kittens."

"Just like we do," said Handl.

A Wonderful Visit

"Some of the children," said the old lady, "dressed in crinolines and pinatas. They wore starched collars and big hats. But they all laughed and cried and went to school and did their lessons and went to bed exactly like you!"

"That was a wonderful visit to the White House," Handl said to Mr Merlin.

"You couldn't do it without this magic ladder," said Mr Merlin, as he folded the ladder and put it in his pocket.

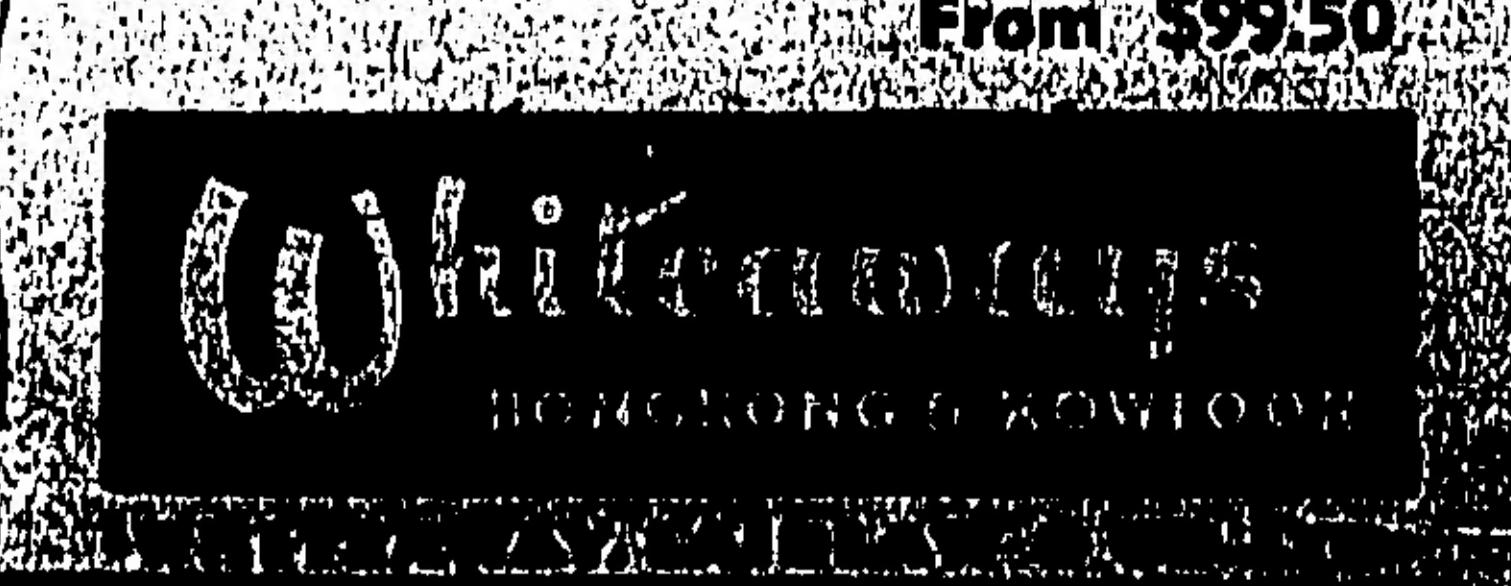
He certainly was a

Magnificent Magician!

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Rupert's Deep Sea Adventure—52



This Funny World
DAN HIRSCH
National Syndicate Inc.

"But, Mother, the way you cried at the wedding
I thought you'd be glad to have me back."

More than a white house," said Mr. Merlin. "It's THE White House. It's where the President lives in Washington. I thought I'd visit it today. That's why I brought this ladder."

"My we come too!" Handl said.

"Certainly," said Mr. Merlin.

So they all climbed up the ladder. It was a curious thing. The higher they climbed, the smaller they got. When they reached the top of the ladder, they were small enough to step inside the picture.

So there, they were a few minutes later, Knarf and Handl and Mr Merlin—the Magnificent Magician—all standing in front of the White House. There were

the grand piano and the old Professor. The old Professor lived a great start.

"Rupert

RAF WIN 27-0

KL Collegians A Fairly Good Rugger Side

Says "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening the Kuala Lumpur Technical College pulled the Hongkong Rugby Union off the horns of a dilemma when they lost to a RAF fifteen by 27 points to nil.

For until this first game the reputed strength of the Technical College had varied between excellent and that of an average Club side. First of all they were reputed to be the equal of any fifteen the Colony could field, then they were said to be a very weak side, and by the reports since their arrival they were once again an excellent side.

On the whole they are fairly good and are certainly extremely fast, but in the forwards they lack weight, and only in the loose did they appear superior to the Airmen.

The KL backs, while extremely speedy, lacked cohesion and did not take full advantage of their chances. On the whole this team could be classed in this Colony as a medium side on the present standard of games.

Not that the Airmen were by any means as wonderful as the score would seem to indicate. For although they got the lion's share of the ball from both the set scrums and lineouts the back division made a mess of their passing and should have gone on to much greater scores.

Admittedly the tackling of the Technical College's wing forwards was excellent, but even that does not excuse the sloppy passing that the Airmen served up.

Austrian Football Team Due Here In January

The Vienna Sports Club Football team will arrive in the Colony on January 16, 1956, to play a series of three games against Hongkong. It was revealed at the Interclub Sub-Committee of the HKFA's Sports Board, yesterday. Mr. A. Mullen was in the chair.

The team will play All Hongkong on January 16, Hongkong Selection on January 21, and Combined Chinese on January 22. All the games will be played at the Government Stadium starting at 3.30 p.m.

It was decided by the meeting that the players elected to train for the last soccer series against the Portuguese East-African team will start training for the Austrian series. The only name added to the list of players was that of Chau Thor-wing of Euston.

The various teams will be picked by the HKFA on December 30.

The Meeting also decided to send Hongkong's Interport Team to Singapore around March 28, 1956, to play in the 1956 Au Hoe Cup match.

It is expected that the Mohan Bagan Athletic Club football team of Calcutta will play in Hongkong sometime in March.

Sports Diary

TOMORROW

Golf
Royal HK Golf Club Annual Meeting, HK Club at 5.30 p.m.
Table Tennis
Non-Chinese Table Tennis championships final, 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., Admiralty
Inter-School matches at Grantham Training College.

SATURDAY

Crickets
IRC v Malaysian Indians at Sooktun-poo at 1.30 p.m.; 2nd Division Army "South" v KCC "B"; DBS v KGV; RAF "A" v Navy; RAF "B" v Police; Army "N"; University "A" v Police; Rugby

RAF Mainland v RAF Island (Mal) Tsk 3 p.m.; Bde v Police (Mal) 4 p.m.; 2nd Division Army "B" 2.30 p.m.; HK and Kln Garrison v Navy (B.S.) 4.45 p.m.; Club "A" v Club "B" (H.V.) 4.30 p.m.

Hockey
Ladies' League: KGV "B" v Dorians (B.S.) 2.15 p.m.; Kln Garrison King's Recruit (Navy) 4 p.m.; Victoria's v Services (H.V.) 2.30 p.m.; KGV "A" v Craglawn (H.V.) 4 p.m.; Army's (mainly medical) Combined Services v Combined Services (King's Park) 4 p.m.

Tennis
Annual Interport: Hongkong v Macao at CRC courts at 3.30 p.m.

Badminton
Inter-School matches at DBS, 2 p.m.

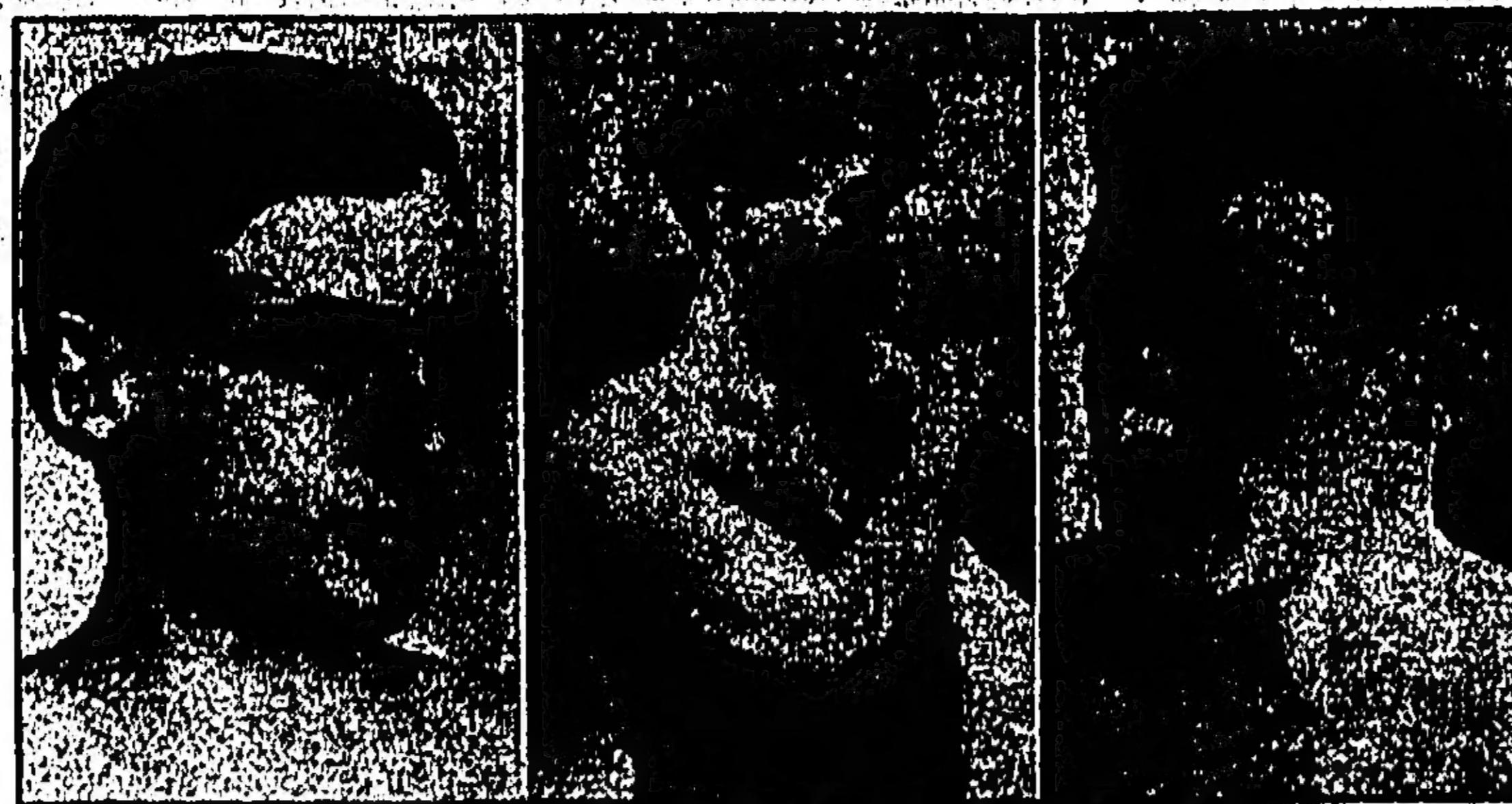
First Division: RAF v Sing (Tao Club); Jardine's Club (Navy); both matches at 3.30 p.m.; 2nd Division: Sing (Tao Club); Jardine's Club (Navy); both matches at 2 p.m.

Third Division: Gymnastics v. Tramways; 3rd Dist. Dist. v. Tramways; both matches at 3.15 p.m.; 1st Dist. Valley 3.30 p.m.

Tramways v. Kln. Dockyard; All matches at 3.30 p.m.; 2nd Dist. Valley 3.30 p.m.

Fourth Division: Hillside v. Kln. Dockyard; All matches at 3.30 p.m.

MY BOXING SECRETS CONTINUING THE STORY NEVER TOLD BEFORE



Three of my best: JIMMY WILDE (left), FREDDIE WELSH and JIMMY DRISCOLL. They had powers of recovery denied ordinary mortals.

If We Could Match Giants Of The Golden Age

By JOHNNY BEST

Always, when I am thinking of the fight game—and that, as you know, is nearly always—I cannot help reflecting that the great days of the Welsh contingent of some 40 years ago were really the golden age of British boxing.

That was the time when, in Division after Division, we were supreme in the world.

The mild eyes rest reflectively on the ceiling long enough for a leading question to be put into the Stadium conversation. Johnny Best sizes on it.

That's a good question. If we could make matches with those great ones of the past and other fighters up to the present day, how'd we match them? That isn't very difficult. Here is my bill:

Jimmy Wilde v. Peter Kane, Jim Driscoll v. Ned Turleton.

Freddie Welsh v.— Tom Thomas v. Pat McAteer, Johnny Bosham v. Ernie Roderick.

The Club pack took ten minutes to settle down, and then with the advantage of the weight and the services of Simek as hooker the Airmen saw little of the ball.

In the lineouts there was little to choose between either side with the Club being better at breaking through their opponents' lineout when the latter got the ball.

In the loose the Club were much superior and the halves and threes with an almost regular service and some good covering by the forwards were in their element, and were soon scoring freely, with Valentine and Penman outstanding.

It was late in the second half before the Airmen opened the scoring when the Club, obviously annoyed and puzzled at a penalty award against them, wandered back with their attention off the game and let the RAF through with a nice run down the wing.

A penalty completed the Airmen's scoring and then the Club woke up and added a few more points to their score. This was a good, clean game played at a remarkably fast pace, and the Club deserve credit for their fine win.

Look at them... Jimmy Wilde, World Flyweight Champion; Freddie Welsh, Lightweight Champion; and Jim Driscoll, who went to New York and out-classed Abe Attell in a no-decision fight to claim the World Featherweight title. There never has been a trio like them.

And they weren't the only ones to come out of the Principality. Around their time there were fighters like Lew Edwards, Featherweight Kingpin, Percy Jones, who beat Eddie Beattie, from Castletown.

I was in Welsh's corner, and I never went through a more anxious time for a fighter... Welsh, who was in a class by himself in the art of defensive fighting, had no easy passage in the early rounds, but we thought in his corner that he had survived Noble's ferocious punching long enough to stay on his feet to the end of the round. It seemed even more miraculous that he should come up for the next round apparently fully recovered.

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The fortunes of the fight tell from Noble from the moment they met in mid-ring. Noble tore into Tommy with all his old ring savagery, and by persistent, relentless punching wore the Londoner down to a condition that Ted Broadribb, seeing that his boy had no chance of survival — far less winning — stopped it to save him from further punishment.

Mind you, I am not saying that there have not been good fighters and good fights since these far-off days of our golden age. But it must be admitted that there isn't as much fighting quality as that great Welsh contingent brought us.

COMPARISONS

To revert to that dreamed-up bill that we started with... And you can see that Johnny Best's mind's eye is fixed on a more distant point than the walls of his Stadium can contain.

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With superhuman determination he pulled himself to his feet at the count of nine and, that wonderful fighting brain working at full throttle to guide his faltering legs and hands, kept out of trouble and came back to the corner — weary and muzzy, but fast coming back to his normal self.

Eddie Beattie never ceased trying to topple him again, but Welsh was himself inside a round and went on the full 20 rounds to take the decision.

But it was a close thing. There is no saying what might have happened to Freddie had it not been for that innate ring-richt that made him one of the great performers of all time.

Another of these contests that stands out was between Jimmy Wilde, who was at the time, considered unbeatable in his class, and Tommy Noble, the strong, artful Londoner.

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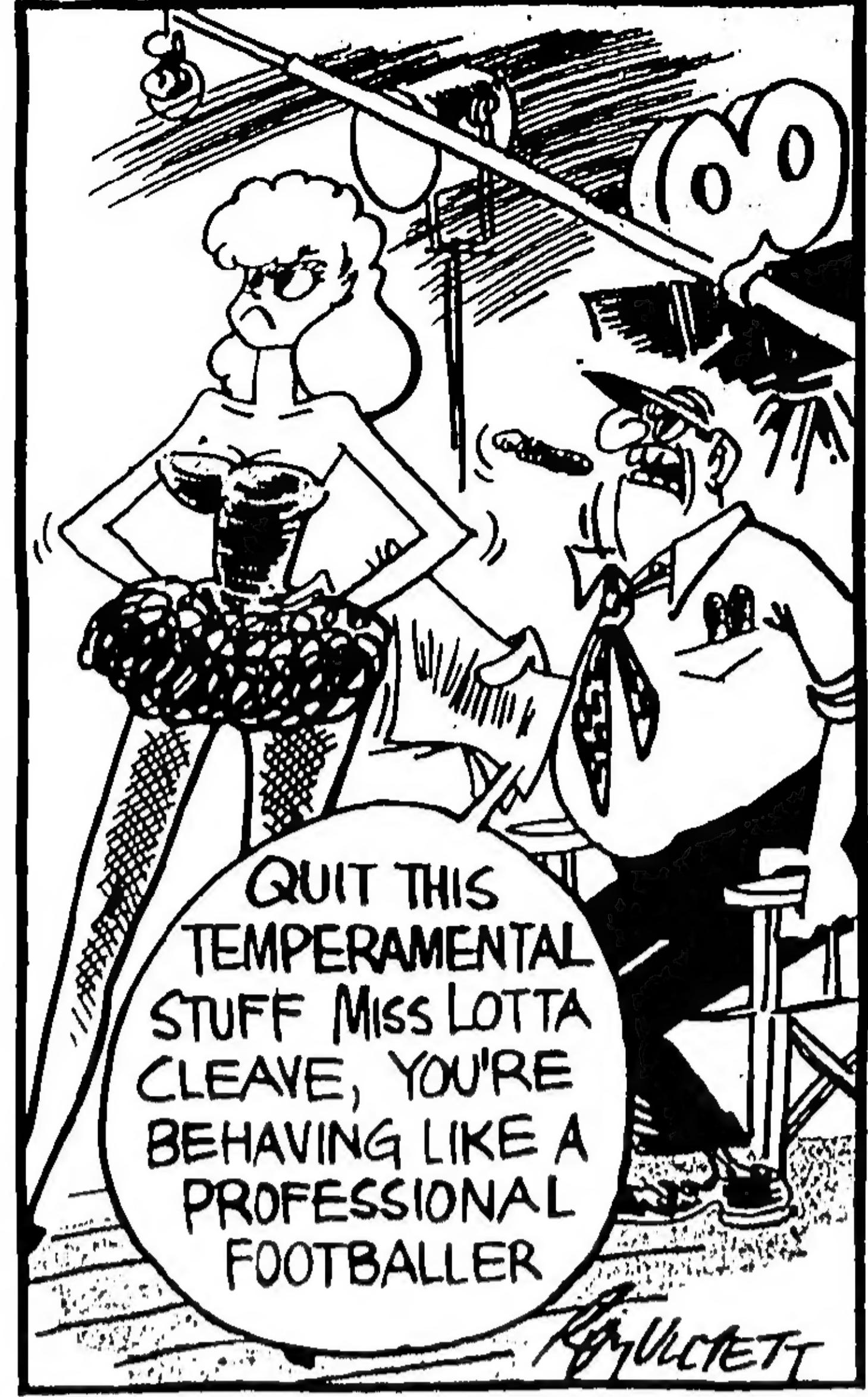
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JAMES PARK SPOTLIGHTS

3-YEAR-OLDS OF 1956

STAR OF INDIA HAS THE RIGHT TEMPERAMENT

What are the odds against anyone buying two foals a few weeks old and unseen to find them top-class two-year-olds? That was the good fortune of Mr H. J. Joel when he bought High Treason and the colt's own sister, Star of India.

They were bred by Captain Peter McCall, of Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. His mother, Mrs M. McCall, owns the Tally-Ho Stud and is a sister of Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort.

It seems impossible to keep the Boyd-Rochfort family out of the news. The Freemason Lodge trainer topped the list this year, as he did in 1954, and his nephew bred Star of India who is at the head of the Free Handicap.

Captain McCall learned the business under his uncle before the war and also looked after the horses in the Somerby Stud, where Meld was bred. He now has his own stud.

PRIVATE DEALS

Mr Joel bought High Treason when he was a few weeks old and Star of India before the mare was weaned. Mr Joel never saw either of the foals before buying. He just took the breeder's word that they were good foals at that age. It should not be thought Mr Joel knew what he was buying in the second instance, as High Treason had not done any fast work before Star of India was bought.

As they were private deals, it is not known what Mr Joel paid for the two cracks. Certainly he can have no regrets. Nor has the breeder, though he might well have obtained a bigger figure if he had retained the filly and sold her as a yearling, by which time the exploits of High Treason would have been known.

High Treason was beaten once as a two-year-old—on a first appearance. His victories included the Nunthorpe Stakes at York, and he beat older horses in this championship sprint. He was given 9st. 2lb. in the Free Handicap. 5lb. below the Pele King.

KNEE TROUBLE

After his first season, High Treason had knee trouble and was bought back by Captain McCall for stud purposes. He will stand in Ireland and was promptly booked full for his first season next year.

Star of India did even better than her elder brother. The filly proved the best two-year-old of the year and the handicapper had no alternative than to give her 9st. 7lb. in the Free Handicap.

The filly ran in five races and the only time she had to be asked a question was at York when she had to be leniented up to concede 15lb. to Dorado.

In her later races, her form could be described only as brilliant. She ran them all in the same way and nothing could get her off the bit. The jockey just sat still while going with the pace and, when given a bit of rein, the filly sprinted away with the greatest of ease.

There is no doubt in my mind that she was improving all the time. She has the right temperament for racing and does not want to be tiring away like so many sprinters.

She will settle down smoothly without pulling or fighting for her head but, when she is told to race in earnest, the answer is at once forthcoming.

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CHESS GAME BY POST

The Hague, Dec. 14. A chess player here was poring over his board today in an attempt to win a long-distance game which has lasted two years and has cost several dollars in postage stamps. The player, F. Boot, started his present match by correspondence in 1953 with H. Verhoeven, an ocean-going sea captain.

Since then Verhoeven has been replying to Boot's moves in mail from the far corners of the earth each time he puts into port. Verhoeven and Boot have been playing this long-distance chess since 1948.—Francis Presso.

MOTOR SPORTS CLUB DANCE

The Motor Sports Club of Hongkong are holding their annual cocktail party and dinner-dance at the Hongkong Yacht Club at 7.30 p.m. tonight. All members are urged to turn up.

IN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA....

US Airmen Learn Soccer To Improve Contacts With Local People

Says PETER JOHNSON

Hundreds of Americans scattered across Europe and North Africa are taking part in a scheme to popularise Association Football which may soon have its effect back home in the United States.

These men, serving in the United States Air Force's European Command, are learning to play the game in order to improve their contacts with the local people.

TRIAL GAMES

The command strengthens from Britain and Scandinavia in the north to North Africa and Saudi Arabia in the south. Football is the main national game in most of the countries in this area. So the Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General William Tunner, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, decided that Americans, instead of teaching the local people to play baseball and American football, should themselves learn to play football.

The programme started about a year ago and today there are teams in about 50 bases, as well as several teams in a base, Chatteauroux, a large base in Western France. For example, 12 teams "few of them have much form. All they have is gallantry," one headquarters officer here said. But a number of teams have had successes in local civilian Leagues.

LONG WAY TO GO

Mr Albert G. Blane, of Bloomfield, New Jersey, the Command's Director of athletics, says that the teams have a long way to go yet if football is to equal basket-ball in popularity. But the number of men playing football in the command, about 1,000, approaches that of those loyal to American football.

The best base team in the command is at Burtonwood in England, the home land of football. It was from England, too, that the command to send three famous coaches to conduct a football course here recently.

These three, George Ainsley, Clinton Sayer and Stanley Wigmore, all staff coaches with Britain's Football Association, trained Americans who now act as coaches on their bases throughout the command.

Ainsley also took part in the selection of the United States Armed Forces Olympic Try-Out football team, which enters the Eastern Olympic trials at New York recently. Sixty candidates were brought here in October from American bases all over the world.

In 1952, when there was no Armed Forces team helping to push up the standard, the United States Olympic team lost 8-0 to Italy at Helsinki. The armed forces football team coach, Air Force Lieutenant Al Aspen, Jr., of Buil Cynwyl, Philadelphia, hopes that three or four of his team will reach the Olympic team.

This time the United States will meet Mexico first, in an

Revised Plans For Visit Of Malayan Indians

The Malayan Indian Touring Team is now expected to arrive in the Colony by the "Sangola" today.

As a result of their arrival two days earlier, a new fixture list has been drawn up.

The visiting team will be the guests of the Nav Bharat Club during their stay.

The revised programme follows:

Hockey, Friday, Dec. 23—Malayan Indians vs Hongkong Regiment at Bookunpoor at 4 p.m.

Cricket, Saturday, Dec. 17—Malayan Indians vs ITC at 1.30 p.m.

Saturday, Informal dinner party at ITC at 8 p.m.

Hockey, Sunday, Dec. 18—Malayan Indians vs Hongkong Regiment at Bookunpoor at 4 p.m.

Teams to be introduced to the Indian Commissioner.

Munday, Dec. 19—Cricket and badminton matches at Indian Reception by the Commissioner of India and Shirshad Adhikar, 6.30 p.m.

Badminton, Tuesday, Dec. 20—Malayan Indians vs Hongkong Indians at ITC at 8 p.m.

Hockey, Wednesday, Dec. 21—Malayan Indians vs Combined Services at Bookunpoor at 4 p.m.

Badminton, Wednesday, Dec. 21—Malayan Indians vs Chinese YMCA at ITC at 8 p.m.

Cricket, Friday, Dec. 23—Malayan Indians vs Manau at Bookunpoor at 4 p.m.

Malayan Indians vs Cricket Club at CCC, at 4 p.m.

Cricket, Friday, Dec. 23—Malayan Indians vs Chinese YMCA at ITC at 8 p.m.

Cricket, Saturday, Dec. 24—Malayan Indians vs Combined Civilians at Bookunpoor at 4 p.m.

Cricket, Sunday, Dec. 25—Malayan Indians vs Hongkong Indians at ITC starting at 10.30 a.m. Lunch and tea at ITC.

Hockey, Monday, Dec. 26—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 8 p.m.

Dinner, Monday, Dec. 26—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 8 p.m.

Cafe, Wednesday, Dec. 28—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 8 p.m.

Breakfast, Thursday, Dec. 29—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 8 p.m.

Lunch, Thursday, Dec. 29—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 12.30 p.m.

Tea, Thursday, Dec. 29—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 4 p.m.

Tea, Friday, Dec. 30—Malayan Indians vs Indo-Celtic Team at ITC, 4 p.m.

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DEATHS

SLOAN—John Dutton, Katie Sloan,
beloved mother of Jim, John and
Charles, passed away at
8 a.m. on the morning of the 13th
of December, 1955, at her
residence after a prolonged illness
aged 60 years. Funeral service
will be held at 2 p.m. Friday the
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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY
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Ordinary Meeting of the Com-
pany's Shareholders will be
held at 12 o'clock Noon on
Saturday, 17th December
1955, in the Company's Hong
Kong Office, St. George's
Building, 2nd floor, Chater
Road, Victoria, Hong Kong
for the purpose of:

1. Receiving the Statement
of Accounts and Report of
the Directors for the year
ended 30th September,
1955.

2. Electing three Directors.

3. Appointing Auditors and
fixing their remuneration.

4. Confirming the Interim
Dividend of 30 cents per
share, and sanctioning the
recommendation of the
Directors as to the pay-
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of 80 cents per share in
respect of fully paid
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The Transfer Books and
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Dividend Warrants will be
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December, 1955.

Dated at Hong Kong this
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By Order of the Board
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P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"CALIFORNIA"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will
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the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 14, 1955.

'DRINK MORE WINE' CAMPAIGN Greeks Worried About Their Large Surplus

Athens, Dec. 14.

Greeks are being urged to "drink more wine." Although wine in Greece is cheap—ordinary resinated wine costs only one shilling and the best dry white wine just over 4 shillings a bottle—modern Greeks consume an average of only 49 kilogrammes each a year, compared with the Frenchman's 110 kilogrammes.

Nor is the quality at fault. Many Greek wines, such as the sweet wines of the island of Samos, the dry white wines of Patros and the red wines of Naoussa, in Macedonia, are comparable in quality with the most famous French, German or Italian wines.

As a result of the low consumption, Greece, with an annual production of some 120,000 tons, has an annual wine surplus of between 35,000 tons and 40,000 tons.

Experts blame the lack of adequate industrial equipment, Greece's failure, so far, to standardise the quality of her wines, and a growing domestic preference for beer.

Total Capacity

Existing industrial equipment for wine-making represents a total capacity of some 135,000 tons and is totally inadequate to handle the Greek production and to meet the up-to-date requirements of the wine industry.

Most Greek wine is home-made and as the vine-growers who press the grapes with their feet advertise it, "untouched by hand." But this piecemeal method of making the wine results in very little Greek wine being standardized for quality, while stability guarantees, whether to local or foreign consumers, must also be of lower grade.

Another important factor in the present situation is the growing consumption of beer in Greece. Beer drinking has, in recent years, become such a fashion throughout Greece that even at wedding parties in villages in wine-producing areas, beer is preferred to wine. At a wedding celebrated recently in Corinth, one of the most famous wine-producing centres of Greece, for example, hundreds of bottles of beer were consumed compared with only a few barrels of wine.

When, in 1884, a Bavarian brewer, named Karl Fix, established the first small brewery in this country, producing a few barrels of beer, mostly for Court officials, no one would have believed that the beer industry could ever have attained its present magnitude.

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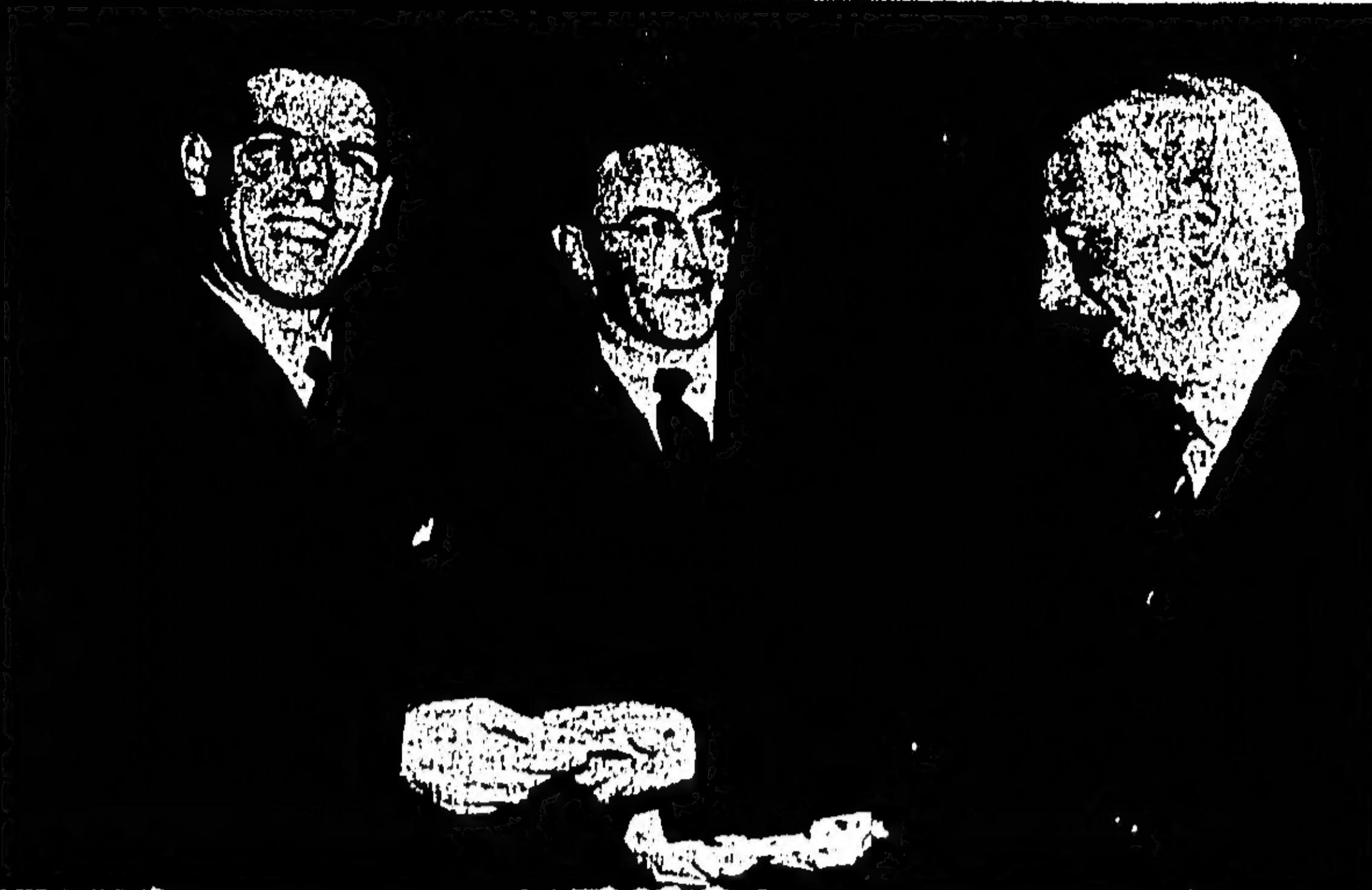
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Presentations To British Star Tennis Players



ATLEE FUND FOR STUDENTS

London, Dec. 15.

Mr. Morgan Phillips, General
Secretary of the British Labour
Party, announced here last
night the creation of an
"Atlee Commonwealth Fund"
for students from India,
Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma.

The Fund, created in memory
of the former Prime Minister's
work in granting these countries
their independence, will help
students to come to Britain

It is supported by the Labour
Party and the trade union and
co-operative movements. —
France-Presse

Errors In Koran

Lahore, Dec. 14.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD COTTON MARKETS

New York, Dec. 14. Cotton futures today maintained an overtone of steadiness as the market seesawed narrowly in quiet dealing.

Traders estimated the volume to be the smallest in several weeks as routine domestic mill and other trade buying was supplied through reduced hedge selling and liquidation.

Approach of the usual end-of-holiday trading lull, and the disposition to await further developments in the export picture and news on farm legislation, help to handicap new interest.

Forward attention was directed particularly toward the government's special cotton export programme which became operative in January. Up to a million bales may be disposed of by the increases as to what minimum bid prices will be acceptable to the agency.

The New York Cotton Exchange Service Bureau today estimated domestic consumption of all raw cotton for the four-week period ended Nov. 26 at 726,000 bales. This compares with 737,000 bales used in the preceding four-week period and 704,000 bales last year.

Indicated consumption for the first 17 weeks of the season, July 31 to Nov. 26, approximated 3,094,000 bales against 2,800,000 bales a year earlier.

The certificated cotton stock rose 656 to 10,534 bales.

Volumes and open interests were:

Month	Value	Open interest
Dec.	29,300	10,400
Mar.	26,800	44,000
May	24,900	339,100
July	23,600	239,000
Sept.	19,100	197,200
Dec.	4,200	1,70,200
Mar.	1,000	46,000
May	400	17,300
Total	110,400	1,049,100

*Includes 10,400 bales against which notices have been issued leaving no balance. No. 1 deliveries

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.82n
Mar.	33.40
May	32.44
July	29.85
Oct.	29.73
Dec.	29.40
Mar.	29.31

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.40
Mar.	33.41-42
May	32.42
July	32.32
Oct.	29.87
Dec.	29.71
Mar.	29.47
May	29.31

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb., were as follows:

Old contract	25.45
Dec./Jan.	25.40
Mar./Apr.	23.10
May/June	22.30
July/Aug.	22.30
New contract	22.67
May/June	22.67
July/Aug.	22.28
Egyptian Karnak	22.28
Jan./Feb.	39.03

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeros per kilo were as follows:

March	56.00
May	53.40
October	52.20
In the US the average price of 15/16 middling cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 33.65 cents. Sales totalled 34,965 bales.—United Press.	

London Metal PRICES

London, Dec. 14. The tin market was easier this afternoon. Other metal markets were steady but quiet. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	522
3-months	517
Copper spot	403
3-months	399
Lead 1st half	1123
Mtr.	113
Zinc 1st half	701
Dec.	701
Mar.	69
Singapore (Straits)	700

—United Press.

African Territory Turns Into Boom Land

RAILWAY DEMANDED FOR SWAZILAND DEVELOPMENT

Mbabane, Swaziland, Dec. 14. Swaziland, one of Britain's Protectorate territories in South Africa which the Union Government wants to absorb, is now becoming a rich asset for the Commonwealth through new agricultural and mineral developments.

Large sums of money invested in irrigation schemes, new industries and geological surveys in Swaziland since World War II have lifted the territory out of dependence on British Parliamentary grants and made it self-supporting, with balanced budgets since 1950.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$310,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Soon Justify

Another irrigation project is now the most promising of the three territories administered by Britain in South Africa. The other two, Basutoland and Bechuanaland, are still largely balanced by British grants.

The second smallest British dependency in Africa after Gambia, Swaziland is 6,700 square miles, an area smaller than Wales, appear destined for striking economic development soon, matching the exploitation for sometime underway in the neighbouring borderlands of South Africa's Natal and Transvaal provinces.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Happy Birthday, Dear Mother

THE engagement-ring lay in that place which busy women seem to regard as a kind of annex to their jewel-case or safe-deposit box. It lay on a scullery shelf.

Michael, working with other builder's men on a job in the flat where the scullery was, caught sight of the sparkling ring quite early in the day. Seeing it, he craved it, and began to make plans for stealing it.

MIDNIGHT

WHEN no one was looking, Michael, a sturdy 18-year-old, took the ring, and hastened off in a cranny in the woodwork of an old wheelbarrow he and his mates were using. When work ended for the day, Michael made no attempt to take the ring from its hiding-place.

But at midnight he returned to the house where he had been working, groped his way to the yard where the barrow had been left, and took the ring. Next day he gave it to his mother as a birthday present.

The ring's owner quickly discovered and reported her loss. The men who had worked in the flat were questioned.

THE MISSING DIAMOND

WHEN Michael's turn came, he admitted the theft. At Bow Street next morning, before the chief magistrate, Sir Laurence Dunn, he pleaded guilty to stealing the ring, which was valued at £15.

The police told their story, and added: "The ring has been recovered, but one of its diamonds is missing—it was probably knocked out of its setting by the rubble in the wheelbarrow."

"Anything known?" the chief magistrate asked.

"One finding of guilt for larceny as a juvenile," said the detective in charge of the case.

WEAKNESS

HE went on to sketch in details of Michael's short life. "He's one of four children," he said, "and lives at home with them and his mother."

"The father was killed in a railway accident some months ago, and I believe this boy has been very good in the way he has helped his mother. She is here, sir, and would like to speak to you."

Michael's mother came into the witness-box, a forthright Irishwoman, upon whom hard work and worry had left their mark.

"I must tell you, sir," she said, "that this boy does take little things at home, it's a sort

Ragpickers' Barracks Razed

TOKYO, Dec. 15. A fire today destroyed about 70 barracks in the Ueno Park's "ragpickers' village" in Tokyo.

Police said about 400 ragpickers and members of their families were made homeless.

Police said 1,000 ragpickers were living in the park.—China Mail Special.

Winter Bursts In

(Continued from Page 1)

The 8,162-ton British motorship Victoria City sank in the North Sea after it collided with the Italian ship Valentina. In a dense fog, the 80 British crewmen were saved by a Polish vessel.

A vicious gale ran the 300-ton Scottish coaster St Ronan aground off the Irish coast and heavy seas pounded it mercilessly. The 10-man crew were hauled ashore by lifeboat when the ship began breaking up.—United Press.

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Tug Goes To Ship's Rescue

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 14.

A Halifax-based salvage tug, Foundation Frances, was expected today to complete a 600-mile dash through stormy Atlantic seas to put a towline aboard the crippled British freighter Lord Church.

The tug set out from Halifax after the 8,200-ton cargo ship radioed that her steering gear and main engines had been knocked out in the raging storm which swept the area.

Two of the freighter's crew were injured when mountainous seas wrecked the crew's accommodation, smashed two lifeboats, swept away part of the navigation bridge and flooded the engine room.

Earlier today, Coast Guard planes from the United States base at Argentia located the freighter wallowing in heavy seas about 630 miles southeast of here. The planes directed the tug to the scene.

LEG BROKEN

The Lord Church was bound for England from Norfolk, Virginia, when the storm struck.

The ship's master, identified only as Captain Stephenson, radioed his agents here that one deckhand had a broken leg and the fourth engineer had been severely burned at the height of the storm.

The captain's message said heavy seas had poured into the engineroom, soaking the ship's generators and knocking out the electrical system.

Later this evening, the Foundation Maritime Company's officials said they had no word yet on whether the tug had succeeded in taking the crippled freighter in tow.—United Press.

Briton Among Japanese Repatriates

TOKYO, Dec. 15. A British citizen was today reported aboard a Japanese ship carrying repatriates from Communist China to Japan.

The 7,077-ton Kuan Maru is due at the port of Mazur on the west coast on Sunday with about 280 Japanese and others in the latest of a series of repatriations arranged through the Red Cross.

No name or other details of the Briton were at this stage available.

Japanese immigration authorities were today considering what processes to use in the unexpected development.

Some 43 non-Japanese were reported on their way here, including Koreans and Filipinos.

They are likely to be held at first as illegal entrants until their status can be decided.—Reuters.

The Millionth Visitor

London, Dec. 15. Britain welcomed its millionth overseas visitor of the year on Tuesday.

To mark the occasion, four tourists, Mr and Mrs David S. Hoopes of Washington, United States, Miss Astrid Kjerulf of Oslo, Norway and Mr C. C. M. Street of Johannesburg, South Africa, arrived in Britain to find themselves the guests of the President of the British Tourist Association, Sir Arthur Morse. Sir Arthur, who was formerly the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, said that next year Britain hoped to increase the number of foreign visitors by 10 per cent.—France-Press.

MAY REQUEST SANCTIONS

Washington, Dec. 14. The Syrian Ambassador, Farid Zehnading, said today that Syria was considering the possibility of asking the United Nations to invoke sanctions against Israel.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Every Christmas my girl says 'you shouldn't have spent that much on me!' This year I think I'll just send her a card and see what happens!"

Possessor Of Dangerous Drugs Loses Appeal

An appeal against sentence brought by Lam Yam-sing, alias Lam Kam-sing, who was sentenced to three years on two charges of possession of dangerous drugs, was refused by the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. P. Hogan and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, this morning.

Lam was represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr K. Y. Yung of Messrs Zimmerman and Company.

Mr Yu said that this was an appeal against sentence passed on the appellant in the District Court on two separate charges of possession of dangerous drugs. Counsel said that it would be seen from the record that in point of fact the subject matter of the two charges was found on the premises of which appellant was a tenant.

Counsel said that he had read through the record of the case and had studied the reasons given by the learned Judge in passing sentence and he could not conscientiously argue that it was either unreasonable or manifestly excessive. He was however instructed to draw the Court's attention to one or two aspects of the matter which he would like their Lordships to consider.

FIRST OFFENCE

Counsel stressed the fact that, although it was mentioned in the reasons given by the learned Judge, this was the first offence of the appellant and as far as he understood the law, usually a lot of leeway was given for first offenders.

Counsel also stressed the small amount of opium in the case which was about 17 tods, which reduced to what Counsel said smokeable opium would be less than one pound. Mr Yu said he was instructed that this was a small amount. This fact also, he added, had been taken into consideration by the learned Judge.

If that was a criterion Counsel said he would draw the Court's attention to the fact that in point of fact in other cases recently both in the Court of Appeals and the District Courts, similar sentences of three years had been passed on persons possessing a much larger quantities and who had previous convictions. In the present case the amount was small and the appellant had no previous conviction.

Counsel said he had drawn the attention of the Court to these matters so that their Lordships might, if they saw fit, reduce the sentence.

MAXIMUM SENTENCE

Answering an enquiry from the Chief Justice, Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, said that the penalty prescribed was 10 years and the sentence of five years was the maximum which a District Court could impose.

Refusing the appeal, the Chief Justice said that the Court had carefully considered Counsel's submission in the matter and the reasons given by the District Court Judge. In passing sentence and their Lordships did not see any occasion to differ from those reasons and were not satisfied that this was a case for the reduction of the sentence.

The Full Court also rejected the appeal by Chan Shui-wah who was sentenced to three years and 12 strokes of the cane for larceny from the person.

Appellant said he had an old mother who depended on him for support.

Asked what he had to say about his previous convictions, appellant said that after he left prison he worked for a year. As he was in poor circumstances he was compelled to commit the crime.

The Chief Justice said that having regard to the nature of the offence in the case and to the previous convictions which appellant had admitted in the Court below, their Lordships did not think that they should reduce the sentence.

TALK ON HK'S INCOME

The Civic Association wishes to remind Association members and their friends that it will talk on "The National Income of Hongkong" which will be given by Mr Edward F. Szczepaniak and Ors. on December 16, 1955, at the British Council Library, Gloucester Building, today at 5.30 p.m.

Mr Szczepaniak is co-author of "National Income of Hongkong 1947-1950" published this year by the Hongkong University Press; he is also a member of the Association's Economic Advisory Committee.

Members of the audience are cordially invited to attend.

New Defence Counsel In Banknotes Case

Another Defence Counsel entered into the case of forged Thai banknotes before District Judge J. Reynolds this morning following the Full Court's refusal yesterday to stop the hearing of the case.

Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Peter Mo and Co. appeared this morning to undertake the defence of the first accused, a broker, Yim Chik-yik, charged with possession of forged notes and conspiracy to deal in them.

Yim was previously represented by Mr Lawrence Leong who withdrew from the case when the trial was put forward and applied yesterday to the Full Court to stop the hearing.

The day before yesterday, Mr A. Clifford, instructed by Mr P. Wong, appeared to take over the defence of the third accused, Shiu Yau-lung, alias Bernard Kim Shear, an accountant, who was formerly represented also by Mr Leong.

The other two accused, the second, Chan Wai, and the fourth, Cheng Kung, both unemployed, are not legally represented.

All four men are charged with possession of various amounts of forged 100-baht notes and conspiracy to deal in them.

CROSS-EXAMINED

Police informer, Ho Wai, who registered a detective to the accused as a "buyer" of forged notes, was cross-examined this morning.

He had testified yesterday of various discussions he had with the first, second and fourth accused about the transaction.

Mr Cheung reserved his cross-examination on behalf of the first accused.

The second accused, Chan, claimed that Ho Wai was telling lies. He maintained that he was a mere acquaintance of Ho's, a man living in the same premises, and would not disclose such matters as forged banknotes with Ho.

Ho replied that he was not telling lies. The fourth accused, their landlord, had told the second accused that their new tenant (witness) could help him dispose of the notes.

The trial is proceeding.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. Times of posting elsewhere which are general are earlier than the G.P.O. times to be ascertained by inquiry at the post office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown above. Parcels and large parcels may be ascertained by inquiry at any post office.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.; Thailand, Burma, India, 8 p.m.; Indonesia, 8 p.m.; Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.; Macao, 8 p.m.; Formosa, Japan, Korea & Okinawa, 10 a.m.; Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.; Formosa, 2 p.m.; U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m.; Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.; Macao, 8 p.m.; Formosa, 8 p.m.; U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m.; Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.; Macao, 8 p.m.; Formosa, 8 p.m.; By Surface

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 9 a.m.; China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.; Philippines, 10 a.m.; Macao, 1 p.m.; Formosa, 1 p.m.; Macao, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, 9 a.m.; Franco, 10 a.m.; Thailand, Burma, India, 10 a.m.; Indonesia, 10 a.m.; Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 11 a.m.; Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.; Macao, 11 a.m.; Formosa, 11 a.m.; By Surface

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